



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO THE CADETS OF THE NEW YORK MARITIME COLLEGE***

*Clementine Hall
Monday 19, June 1995*

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome today to the Vatican the Cadets of the New York Maritime College, accompanied by your chaplain Father Moynihan. I am confident that your visit to Rome will be not only a time of rest and relaxation, but also an educational experience and a reminder of the truths of our Christian faith which are everywhere present in the history and artistic monuments of this City.

As you train for your professional duties, I invite you always to serve your country in a universal spirit of openness and solidarity towards everyone, without bias or discrimination. In travelling the world's oceans from one country to another, be builders of peace among peoples. Peace flows from justice, and justice is dependent on truth, the truth concerning God and concerning the meaning and purpose of human life, for we have been created in the image and likeness of God himself.

I wish you every success in your training and in your future responsibilities. I will gladly pray for you and your families, that God's peace and joy may always abide in your hearts.

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